

# Ducks get easy victory over Nevada

Thanks to Friday's attendance, Oregon will host its game against Colorado State

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It wasn't overly impressive, but Jody Runge got exactly what she wanted from the Oregon women's basketball team Friday night — an easy 81-54 victory against Nevada in the first round of the women's National Invitation Tournament, a tighter defensive performance than its exhibition win over Alvik last week, and an invite to host round two tonight against Colorado State at 7 p.m. at McArthur Court.

"I think we still have a lot of work to do defensively," Runge said after the game. "We didn't handle their aggressiveness very well. If we expect to have a chance to win this tournament, we're going to have to play a lot better."

Ahead just 33-20 at halftime, the Ducks broke free of the Wolfpack early in the second half when center Angelina Wolvert hit a 17-foot jump shot and guard Lisa Bowyer connected from three-point range to increase Oregon's lead to 40-24.

Seconds later, forward Brianne Meharry scored inside following a steal and pass from Bowyer to increase the Ducks' lead to 20 points.

"We managed to get a few more steals after halftime by pushing them outside the paint," said Bowyer, who had a team-high six steals and five assists.

"The defense has to bring along the offense if we're going to continue winning."

Oregon next hosts Colorado State, which beat Valparaiso 94-71 in its first-round game on Friday. The Rams tied a school record for three pointers made in their victory over the Crusaders with 12. Four Rams scored in double digits, led by Jacque Johnson's game-high 23 points. Guard Becky Hammon, a preseason all-American for Colorado State, added 20

points and three assists. Colorado State finished 24-6 last season and tied for first in the Western Athletic Conference with an 11-3 record.

Runge said she knows Oregon will have to play with more control on offense to have a shot to knock off Colorado State tonight.

"I'm happy with our effort," Runge said, "but I feel like we're going to have to play better against Colorado State."

Sonja Curtis, who sat out the Ducks' exhibition game against Alvik of Sweden on Nov. 3 while recovering from a broken nose sustained during practice, led Oregon with 20 points in 24 minutes on Friday. Meharry was second on the team with 17 points and collected a team-high eight rebounds.

Center Jenny Mowe, who Runge said is still slightly hampered by the season-ending knee injury she sustained last year,

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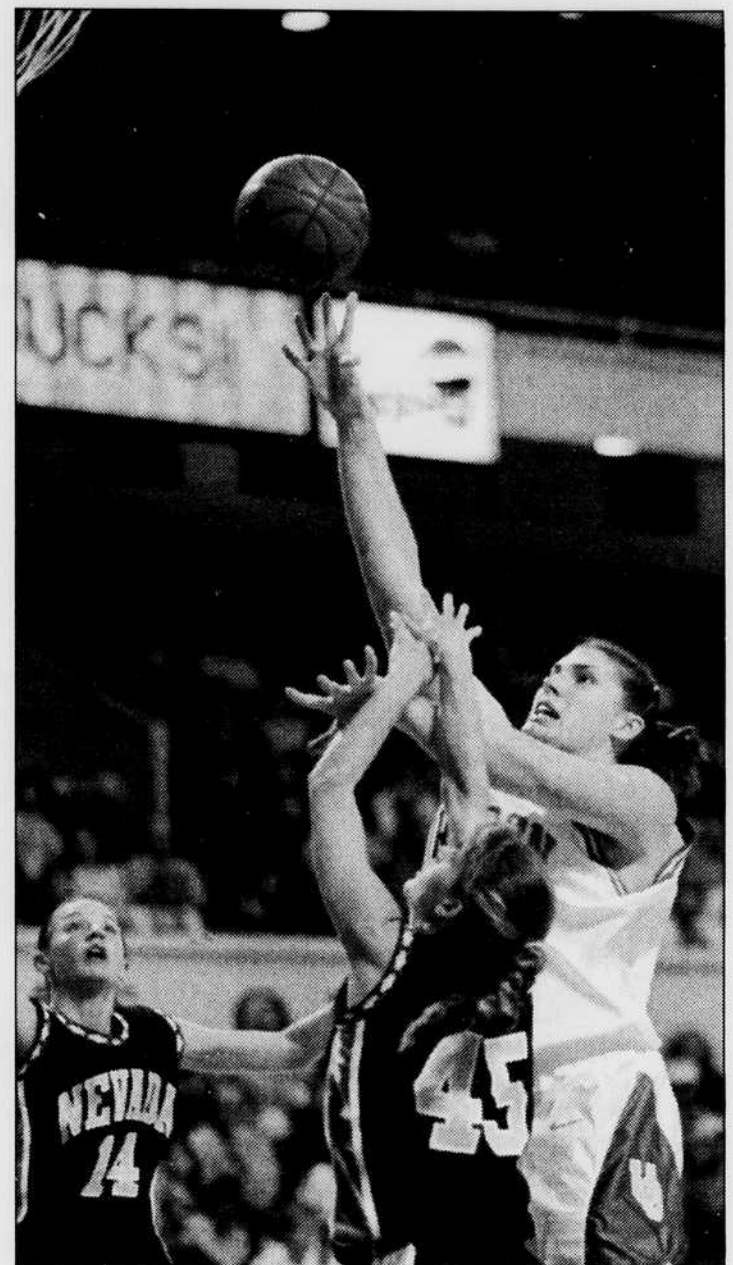
Mowe, a Pacific-10 All-Freshman team honoree in 1996, scored just two points and had two blocks and five rebounds.

"Jenny is OK, but she's not the same player that toured with the junior national team after her freshman year," Runge said. "But her knee doesn't allow her a lot of reps defensively. She played OK, but she seemed to be out of position a lot."

McArthur Court's attendance of 3,942 on Friday enabled the Ducks to host their second-round game against Colorado State.

The schools with the highest attendance figures will likely host the tournament's semi-final round on Thursday and the final round on Friday.

Although regular-season tickets are free, students will have to purchase tickets for each round of the WNIT the Ducks' host for \$5.



Ducks' center Jenny Mowe breaks through the Wolfpack's guard Jessica Larsen and forward Kate Graham to score in Friday's win of 81 to 54 at McArthur Court.

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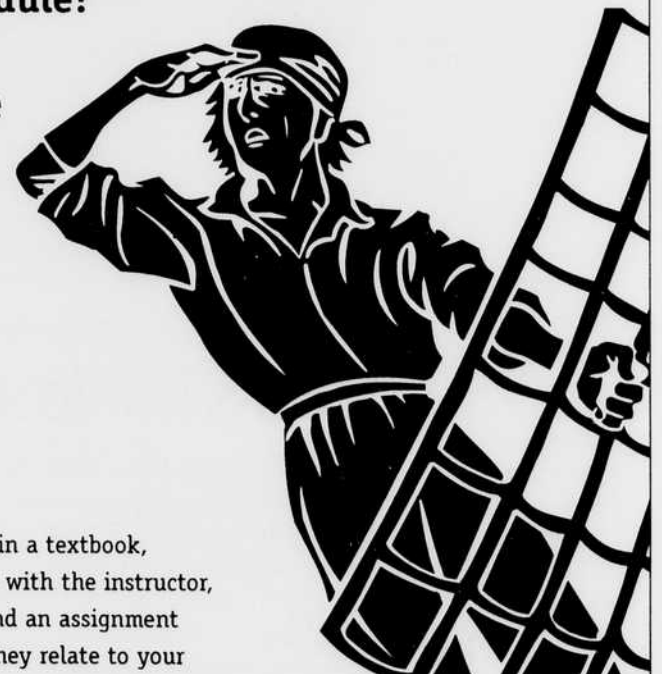
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